# Chapter V: Consultation, Coordination and References

## **Agency Consultation**

## Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and California State Historic Preservation Officer

The 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, as amended in 1992, requires federal agencies to consult with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding undertakings that may affect historic properties. The National Park Service consulted with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and State Historic Preservation Officer in the development of this Environmental Assessment to discuss specific aspects of these proposed undertakings as well as compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Section 106 requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on properties that may be eligible for listing or are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

#### California Coastal Commission

The National Park Service is consulting with the California Coastal Commission because the Marine Mammal Center Site and Facilities Improvement Project is located within the Coastal Zone. The Federal Consistency Unit of the California Coastal Commission implements the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as it applies to federal activities. The National Park Service is requesting a negative determination for the preferred alternative which would illustrate that the Project is consistent with the area's coastal management program.

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The National Park Service will consult with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The National Park Service will obtain a Nationwide Permit for project activities within waters of the U.S. if necessary following completion of the National Environmental Policy Act process.

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 United States Code 1531 et seq.), requires all federal agencies to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries to ensure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by the agency does not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or critical habitat. The National Park Service requested a list of federally listed endangered and threatened species that may be present within the Project Area from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in October of 2003. The list received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in November 2003 was used as a basis for the special-status species analysis in this environmental assessment (see Appendix B, Special-status Species). This environmental assessment has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect species that are federally listed as threatened or endangered. The National Park Service will notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries of this finding, request the agencies review these findings, and return a letter concurring with this determination.

## **Future Information**

Copies of the Marine Mammal Center Site and Facilities Improvement Project Environmental Assessment will be distributed to the general public, congressional delegations, state and local elected officials, federal agencies, organizations and local businesses, public libraries, and the news media. There will be a 30-day public comment period on the Marine Mammal Center Site and Facilities Improvement Project Environmental Assessment.

Written comments regarding this document should be directed to:

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